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SUBJECT: LIBEL ACTION AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS

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1. SOL. GEN. MENDOZA INFORMALLY CONTACTED EMB AND CONVEYED INFORMATION THAT LIBEL SUIT AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD BEEN FILED BY STEVE PSINAKIS, SON-IN-LAW TO EUGENIO LOPEZ, IN CALIFORNIA COURT. HE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING MORE INFORMATION, BUT THEIR EMB WAS FORWARDING COMPLAINT, AND IT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

2. HE REQUESTED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON WHAT POSITION USG WOULD TAKE IF, IN FACT, LIBEL ACTION HAD BEEN FILED AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS. HE SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT IF SIMILAR ACTION WAS FILED IN PHILIPPINE COURT AGAINST U.S. PRESIDENT, HIS OFFICE WOULD INTERVENE AND REQUEST THE COURT TO DISMISS THE COMPLAINT UPON SOME THEORY OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. SOL. GEN. WAS NOT CLEAR AS TO IF OR HOW SERVICE OF PROCESS WAS ACCOMPLISHED AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS.

3. EMB RECOGNIZES THAT WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FACTS, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO INQUIRY. HOWEVER, EMB WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP WHATEVER INFO DEPT HAS ON ALLEGED CASE AND PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS AND POSSIBLE USG ASSISTANCE, IF ANY, IF SUCH LEGAL ACTION IS PENDING.

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